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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 1)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -x^5 - 5x^3 - 7x^2 - 3x + 9$$

$$q(x) = -6x^5 - 7x^4 + x^3 - 5x + 10$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-1)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-5)x^3 + (-7)x^2 + (-3)x^1 + (9)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-6)x^5 + (-7)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (-5)x^1 + (10)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (5)x^5 + (7)x^4 + (-6)x^3 + (-7)x^2 + (2)x^1 + (-1)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = 5x^5 + 7x^4 - 6x^3 - 7x^2 + 2x - 1$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -7x^2 - 2x + 5$$

$$b(x) = 4x + 7$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-7x^2$	$-2x$	5
$4x$	$-28x^3$	$-8x^2$	$20x$
7	$-49x^2$	$-14x$	35

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -28x^3 - 8x^2 - 49x^2 + 20x - 14x + 35$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -28x^3 - 57x^2 + 6x + 35$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 1)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 2x^3 + 14x^2 + 3x + 23 \\g(x) &= x + 7\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+7}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 2 & 14 & 3 & 23 \\ -7 & & -14 & 0 & -21 \\ \hline & 2 & 0 & 3 & 2 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 2x^2 + 3 + \frac{2}{x+7}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 2x^2 + 3$  and the remainder is  $R = 2$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 14x^2 + 3x + 23$ . Evaluate  $f(-7)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-7) &= (2) \cdot (-7)^3 + (14) \cdot (-7)^2 + (3) \cdot (-7) + (23) \\&= (2) \cdot (-343) + (14) \cdot (49) + (3) \cdot (-7) + (23) \\&= (-686) + (686) + (-21) + (23) \\&= 2\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-7)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 7$ . Thus,  $f(-7) = 2$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 2)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 6x^5 - 8x^3 + x^2 - 5x - 7$$

$$q(x) = 3x^5 - 6x^4 + 8x^3 - 10x + 1$$

Express the sum of  $p(x) + q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) + q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (6)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-8)x^3 + (1)x^2 + (-5)x^1 + (-7)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (3)x^5 + (-6)x^4 + (8)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (-10)x^1 + (1)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (9)x^5 + (-6)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (1)x^2 + (-15)x^1 + (-6)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = 9x^5 - 6x^4 + x^2 - 15x - 6$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 6x^2 - 7x + 8$$

$$b(x) = -4x - 5$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$6x^2$	$-7x$	8
$-4x$	$-24x^3$	$28x^2$	$-32x$
$-5$	$-30x^2$	$35x$	$-40$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -24x^3 + 28x^2 - 30x^2 - 32x + 35x - 40$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -24x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 40$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 2)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 6x^3 - 25x^2 + 4x + 6 \\g(x) &= x - 4\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 4}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 6 & -25 & 4 & 6 \\ 4 & & 24 & -4 & 0 \\ \hline & 6 & -1 & 0 & 6 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 6x^2 - x + \frac{6}{x - 4}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 6x^2 - x$  and the remainder is  $R = 6$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 6x^3 - 25x^2 + 4x + 6$ . Evaluate  $f(4)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(4) &= (6) \cdot (4)^3 + (-25) \cdot (4)^2 + (4) \cdot (4) + (6) \\&= (6) \cdot (64) + (-25) \cdot (16) + (4) \cdot (4) + (6) \\&= (384) + (-400) + (16) + (6) \\&= 6\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(4)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 4$ . Thus,  $f(4) = 6$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 3)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -7x^5 + 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 9x - 8$$

$$q(x) = 2x^5 + 5x^4 + 9x^2 + x - 6$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-7)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (2)x^3 + (3)x^2 + (9)x^1 + (-8)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (2)x^5 + (5)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (9)x^2 + (1)x^1 + (-6)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (-9)x^5 + (-5)x^4 + (2)x^3 + (-6)x^2 + (8)x^1 + (-2)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = -9x^5 - 5x^4 + 2x^3 - 6x^2 + 8x - 2$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 5x^2 - 4x + 7$$

$$b(x) = -4x - 6$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$5x^2$	$-4x$	7
$-4x$	$-20x^3$	$16x^2$	$-28x$
-6	$-30x^2$	$24x$	-42

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -20x^3 + 16x^2 - 30x^2 - 28x + 24x - 42$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -20x^3 - 14x^2 - 4x - 42$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 3)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -2x^3 + 19x^2 - 23x - 5 \\g(x) &= x - 8\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 8}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 8 & -2 & 19 & -23 & -5 \\ & & -16 & 24 & 8 \\ \hline & -2 & 3 & 1 & 3 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -2x^2 + 3x + 1 + \frac{3}{x - 8}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -2x^2 + 3x + 1$  and the remainder is  $R = 3$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -2x^3 + 19x^2 - 23x - 5$ . Evaluate  $f(8)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(8) &= (-2) \cdot (8)^3 + (19) \cdot (8)^2 + (-23) \cdot (8) + (-5) \\&= (-2) \cdot (512) + (19) \cdot (64) + (-23) \cdot (8) + (-5) \\&= (-1024) + (1216) + (-184) + (-5) \\&= 3\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(8)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 8$ . Thus,  $f(8) = 3$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 4)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 3x^5 - 10x^4 + 7x^3 + 4x^2 + 5$$

$$q(x) = -2x^5 - 8x^4 + x^3 - 3x - 6$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (3)x^5 + (-10)x^4 + (7)x^3 + (4)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (5)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-2)x^5 + (-8)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (-3)x^1 + (-6)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (5)x^5 + (-2)x^4 + (6)x^3 + (4)x^2 + (3)x^1 + (11)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = 5x^5 - 2x^4 + 6x^3 + 4x^2 + 3x + 11$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 2x^2 + 7x - 4$$

$$b(x) = 5x + 2$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$2x^2$	$7x$	$-4$
$5x$	$10x^3$	$35x^2$	$-20x$
2	$4x^2$	$14x$	$-8$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 10x^3 + 35x^2 + 4x^2 - 20x + 14x - 8$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 10x^3 + 39x^2 - 6x - 8$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 4)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -3x^3 - 16x^2 + 7x - 26 \\g(x) &= x + 6\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+6}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & -3 & -16 & 7 & -26 \\ -6 & & 18 & -12 & 30 \\ \hline & -3 & 2 & -5 & 4 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -3x^2 + 2x - 5 + \frac{4}{x+6}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -3x^2 + 2x - 5$  and the remainder is  $R = 4$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -3x^3 - 16x^2 + 7x - 26$ . Evaluate  $f(-6)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-6) &= (-3) \cdot (-6)^3 + (-16) \cdot (-6)^2 + (7) \cdot (-6) + (-26) \\&= (-3) \cdot (-216) + (-16) \cdot (36) + (7) \cdot (-6) + (-26) \\&= (648) + (-576) + (-42) + (-26) \\&= 4\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-6)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 6$ . Thus,  $f(-6) = 4$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 5)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -9x^5 + 10x^4 - 5x^2 - 6x + 3$$

$$q(x) = -10x^5 + 5x^4 - 8x^3 + x - 4$$

Express the sum of  $p(x) + q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) + q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-9)x^5 + (10)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (-5)x^2 + (-6)x^1 + (3)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-10)x^5 + (5)x^4 + (-8)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (1)x^1 + (-4)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (-19)x^5 + (15)x^4 + (-8)x^3 + (-5)x^2 + (-5)x^1 + (-1)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = -19x^5 + 15x^4 - 8x^3 - 5x^2 - 5x - 1$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -3x^2 - 7x - 5$$

$$b(x) = 4x + 7$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-3x^2$	$-7x$	$-5$
$4x$	$-12x^3$	$-28x^2$	$-20x$
$7$	$-21x^2$	$-49x$	$-35$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -12x^3 - 28x^2 - 21x^2 - 20x - 49x - 35$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -12x^3 - 49x^2 - 69x - 35$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal's triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 5)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -2x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 11 \\g(x) &= x + 5\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+5}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & -2 & -7 & 14 & -11 \\ -5 & & 10 & -15 & 5 \\ \hline & -2 & 3 & -1 & -6 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -2x^2 + 3x - 1 + \frac{-6}{x+5}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -2x^2 + 3x - 1$  and the remainder is  $R = -6$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -2x^3 - 7x^2 + 14x - 11$ . Evaluate  $f(-5)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-5) &= (-2) \cdot (-5)^3 + (-7) \cdot (-5)^2 + (14) \cdot (-5) + (-11) \\&= (-2) \cdot (-125) + (-7) \cdot (25) + (14) \cdot (-5) + (-11) \\&= (250) + (-175) + (-70) + (-11) \\&= -6\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-5)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 5$ . Thus,  $f(-5) = -6$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 6)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 8x^5 + 9x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 2$$

$$q(x) = -5x^5 + 8x^4 + 6x^2 + 9x + 2$$

Express the difference  $q(x) - p(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $q(x) - p(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (8)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (9)x^3 + (3)x^2 + (-1)x^1 + (-2)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-5)x^5 + (8)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (6)x^2 + (9)x^1 + (2)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = (-13)x^5 + (8)x^4 + (-9)x^3 + (3)x^2 + (10)x^1 + (4)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = -13x^5 + 8x^4 - 9x^3 + 3x^2 + 10x + 4$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 6x^2 - 8x + 5$$

$$b(x) = -3x - 6$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$6x^2$	$-8x$	5
$-3x$	$-18x^3$	$24x^2$	$-15x$
$-6$	$-36x^2$	$48x$	$-30$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -18x^3 + 24x^2 - 36x^2 - 15x + 48x - 30$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -18x^3 - 12x^2 + 33x - 30$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 6)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -2x^3 + 19x^2 - 11x + 23 \\g(x) &= x - 9\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 9}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & -2 & 19 & -11 & 23 \\ 9 & & -18 & 9 & -18 \\ \hline & -2 & 1 & -2 & 5 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -2x^2 + x - 2 + \frac{5}{x - 9}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -2x^2 + x - 2$  and the remainder is  $R = 5$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -2x^3 + 19x^2 - 11x + 23$ . Evaluate  $f(9)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(9) &= (-2) \cdot (9)^3 + (19) \cdot (9)^2 + (-11) \cdot (9) + (23) \\&= (-2) \cdot (729) + (19) \cdot (81) + (-11) \cdot (9) + (23) \\&= (-1458) + (1539) + (-99) + (23) \\&= 5\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(9)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 9$ . Thus,  $f(9) = 5$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 7)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 7x^5 + 2x^4 - 9x^2 + 6x - 3$$

$$q(x) = -10x^5 + 3x^4 - 4x^3 + 6x - 9$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (7)x^5 + (2)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (-9)x^2 + (6)x^1 + (-3)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-10)x^5 + (3)x^4 + (-4)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (6)x^1 + (-9)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (17)x^5 + (-1)x^4 + (4)x^3 + (-9)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (6)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = 17x^5 - x^4 + 4x^3 - 9x^2 + 6$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 5x^2 + 7x - 4$$

$$b(x) = 4x - 7$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$5x^2$	$7x$	$-4$
$4x$	$20x^3$	$28x^2$	$-16x$
$-7$	$-35x^2$	$-49x$	$28$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 20x^3 + 28x^2 - 35x^2 - 16x - 49x + 28$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 20x^3 - 7x^2 - 65x + 28$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal's triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 7)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^3 - 6x^2 - 19x + 26 \\g(x) &= x - 8\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 8}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & -6 & -19 & 26 \\ 8 & & 8 & 16 & -24 \\ \hline & 1 & 2 & -3 & 2 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = x^2 + 2x - 3 + \frac{2}{x - 8}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$  and the remainder is  $R = 2$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 19x + 26$ . Evaluate  $f(8)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(8) &= (1) \cdot (8)^3 + (-6) \cdot (8)^2 + (-19) \cdot (8) + (26) \\&= (1) \cdot (512) + (-6) \cdot (64) + (-19) \cdot (8) + (26) \\&= (512) + (-384) + (-152) + (26) \\&= 2\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(8)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 8$ . Thus,  $f(8) = 2$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 8)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -2x^5 + 7x^4 - 10x^3 - 9x^2 + 1$$

$$q(x) = 4x^5 + 8x^4 - 10x^3 - x - 7$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-2)x^5 + (7)x^4 + (-10)x^3 + (-9)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (1)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (4)x^5 + (8)x^4 + (-10)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (-1)x^1 + (-7)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (-6)x^5 + (-1)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (-9)x^2 + (1)x^1 + (8)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = -6x^5 - x^4 - 9x^2 + x + 8$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 8x^2 - 3x - 6$$

$$b(x) = 3x - 6$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$8x^2$	$-3x$	$-6$
$3x$	$24x^3$	$-9x^2$	$-18x$
$-6$	$-48x^2$	$18x$	$36$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 24x^3 - 9x^2 - 48x^2 - 18x + 18x + 36$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 24x^3 - 57x^2 + 36$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 8)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -3x^3 + 29x^2 - 19x + 15 \\g(x) &= x - 9\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 9}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & -3 & 29 & -19 & 15 \\ 9 & & -27 & 18 & -9 \\ \hline & -3 & 2 & -1 & 6 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -3x^2 + 2x - 1 + \frac{6}{x - 9}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -3x^2 + 2x - 1$  and the remainder is  $R = 6$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -3x^3 + 29x^2 - 19x + 15$ . Evaluate  $f(9)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(9) &= (-3) \cdot (9)^3 + (29) \cdot (9)^2 + (-19) \cdot (9) + (15) \\&= (-3) \cdot (729) + (29) \cdot (81) + (-19) \cdot (9) + (15) \\&= (-2187) + (2349) + (-171) + (15) \\&= 6\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(9)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 9$ . Thus,  $f(9) = 6$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 9)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 6x^5 + 8x^4 - 3x^3 - 4x + 7$$

$$q(x) = 3x^5 - 6x^3 + x^2 + 7x + 5$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (6)x^5 + (8)x^4 + (-3)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (-4)x^1 + (7)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (3)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-6)x^3 + (1)x^2 + (7)x^1 + (5)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (3)x^5 + (8)x^4 + (3)x^3 + (-1)x^2 + (-11)x^1 + (2)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = 3x^5 + 8x^4 + 3x^3 - x^2 - 11x + 2$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 4x^2 - 2x - 8$$

$$b(x) = -2x - 5$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$4x^2$	$-2x$	$-8$
$-2x$	$-8x^3$	$4x^2$	$16x$
$-5$	$-20x^2$	$10x$	$40$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -8x^3 + 4x^2 - 20x^2 + 16x + 10x + 40$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -8x^3 - 16x^2 + 26x + 40$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 9)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 6x^3 - 24x^2 - 28x - 17 \\g(x) &= x - 5\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 5}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & 6 & -24 & -28 & -17 \\ 5 & & 30 & 30 & 10 \\ \hline & 6 & 6 & 2 & -7 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 6x^2 + 6x + 2 + \frac{-7}{x - 5}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 6x^2 + 6x + 2$  and the remainder is  $R = -7$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 6x^3 - 24x^2 - 28x - 17$ . Evaluate  $f(5)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(5) &= (6) \cdot (5)^3 + (-24) \cdot (5)^2 + (-28) \cdot (5) + (-17) \\&= (6) \cdot (125) + (-24) \cdot (25) + (-28) \cdot (5) + (-17) \\&= (750) + (-600) + (-140) + (-17) \\&= -7\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(5)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 5$ . Thus,  $f(5) = -7$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 10)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -10x^5 + 7x^4 + 8x^3 - 3x - 2$$

$$q(x) = -8x^5 - 6x^3 - 9x^2 + 3x + 2$$

Express the sum of  $p(x) + q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) + q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-10)x^5 + (7)x^4 + (8)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (-3)x^1 + (-2)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-8)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-6)x^3 + (-9)x^2 + (3)x^1 + (2)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (-18)x^5 + (7)x^4 + (2)x^3 + (-9)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (0)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = -18x^5 + 7x^4 + 2x^3 - 9x^2$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -3x^2 - 6x + 9$$

$$b(x) = -3x + 7$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-3x^2$	$-6x$	9
$-3x$	$9x^3$	$18x^2$	$-27x$
7	$-21x^2$	$-42x$	63

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 9x^3 + 18x^2 - 21x^2 - 27x - 42x + 63$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 9x^3 - 3x^2 - 69x + 63$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 10)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 3x^3 + 21x^2 + 25x - 28 \\g(x) &= x + 5\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+5}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 3 & 21 & 25 & -28 \\ -5 & & -15 & -30 & 25 \\ \hline & 3 & 6 & -5 & -3 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 3x^2 + 6x - 5 + \frac{-3}{x+5}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 5$  and the remainder is  $R = -3$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 21x^2 + 25x - 28$ . Evaluate  $f(-5)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-5) &= (3) \cdot (-5)^3 + (21) \cdot (-5)^2 + (25) \cdot (-5) + (-28) \\&= (3) \cdot (-125) + (21) \cdot (25) + (25) \cdot (-5) + (-28) \\&= (-375) + (525) + (-125) + (-28) \\&= -3\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-5)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 5$ . Thus,  $f(-5) = -3$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 11)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 8x^5 + 9x^4 + x^2 + 5x + 4$$

$$q(x) = 7x^5 - 5x^4 - 3x^3 + 9x^2 - 10$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (8)x^5 + (9)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (1)x^2 + (5)x^1 + (4)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (7)x^5 + (-5)x^4 + (-3)x^3 + (9)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-10)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (1)x^5 + (14)x^4 + (3)x^3 + (-8)x^2 + (5)x^1 + (14)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = x^5 + 14x^4 + 3x^3 - 8x^2 + 5x + 14$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -7x^2 + 4x + 8$$

$$b(x) = -6x + 3$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-7x^2$	$4x$	$8$
$-6x$	$42x^3$	$-24x^2$	$-48x$
3	$-21x^2$	$12x$	24

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 42x^3 - 24x^2 - 21x^2 - 48x + 12x + 24$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 42x^3 - 45x^2 - 36x + 24$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 11)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -x^3 - 8x^2 - 9x + 25 \\g(x) &= x + 6\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+6}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & -1 & -8 & -9 & 25 \\ -6 & & 6 & 12 & -18 \\ \hline & -1 & -2 & 3 & 7 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -x^2 - 2x + 3 + \frac{7}{x+6}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -x^2 - 2x + 3$  and the remainder is  $R = 7$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -x^3 - 8x^2 - 9x + 25$ . Evaluate  $f(-6)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-6) &= (-1) \cdot (-6)^3 + (-8) \cdot (-6)^2 + (-9) \cdot (-6) + (25) \\&= (-1) \cdot (-216) + (-8) \cdot (36) + (-9) \cdot (-6) + (25) \\&= (216) + (-288) + (54) + (25) \\&= 7\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-6)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 6$ . Thus,  $f(-6) = 7$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 12)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 7x^5 - 5x^4 - 4x^2 + 2x + 3$$

$$q(x) = 10x^5 - 7x^4 + 8x^3 - 5x^2 - 1$$

Express the difference  $q(x) - p(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $q(x) - p(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (7)x^5 + (-5)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (-4)x^2 + (2)x^1 + (3)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (10)x^5 + (-7)x^4 + (8)x^3 + (-5)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-1)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = (3)x^5 + (-2)x^4 + (8)x^3 + (-1)x^2 + (-2)x^1 + (-4)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = 3x^5 - 2x^4 + 8x^3 - x^2 - 2x - 4$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 4x^2 - 6x + 5$$

$$b(x) = -8x + 4$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$4x^2$	$-6x$	5
$-8x$	$-32x^3$	$48x^2$	$-40x$
4	$16x^2$	$-24x$	20

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -32x^3 + 48x^2 + 16x^2 - 40x - 24x + 20$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -32x^3 + 64x^2 - 64x + 20$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 12)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -x^3 + 6x^2 + 16x - 2 \\g(x) &= x - 8\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 8}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}8 & -1 & 6 & 16 & -2 \\ & & -8 & -16 & 0 \\ \hline & -1 & -2 & 0 & -2\end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -x^2 - 2x + \frac{-2}{x - 8}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -x^2 - 2x$  and the remainder is  $R = -2$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -x^3 + 6x^2 + 16x - 2$ . Evaluate  $f(8)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(8) &= (-1) \cdot (8)^3 + (6) \cdot (8)^2 + (16) \cdot (8) + (-2) \\&= (-1) \cdot (512) + (6) \cdot (64) + (16) \cdot (8) + (-2) \\&= (-512) + (384) + (128) + (-2) \\&= -2\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(8)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 8$ . Thus,  $f(8) = -2$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 13)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 5x^5 + 6x^4 - 8x^3 - 9x^2 + 10$$

$$q(x) = -7x^5 - 10x^4 + 5x^3 - x + 8$$

Express the difference  $q(x) - p(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $q(x) - p(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (5)x^5 + (6)x^4 + (-8)x^3 + (-9)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (10)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-7)x^5 + (-10)x^4 + (5)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (-1)x^1 + (8)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = (-12)x^5 + (-16)x^4 + (13)x^3 + (9)x^2 + (-1)x^1 + (-2)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = -12x^5 - 16x^4 + 13x^3 + 9x^2 - x - 2$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -3x^2 + 2x - 7$$

$$b(x) = 4x - 7$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-3x^2$	$2x$	$-7$
$4x$	$-12x^3$	$8x^2$	$-28x$
$-7$	$21x^2$	$-14x$	$49$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -12x^3 + 8x^2 + 21x^2 - 28x - 14x + 49$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -12x^3 + 29x^2 - 42x + 49$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal's triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 13)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 4x^3 + 22x^2 + 14x + 19 \\g(x) &= x + 5\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+5}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 4 & 22 & 14 & 19 \\ -5 & & -20 & -10 & -20 \\ \hline & 4 & 2 & 4 & -1 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 4x^2 + 2x + 4 + \frac{-1}{x+5}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 4x^2 + 2x + 4$  and the remainder is  $R = -1$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 4x^3 + 22x^2 + 14x + 19$ . Evaluate  $f(-5)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-5) &= (4) \cdot (-5)^3 + (22) \cdot (-5)^2 + (14) \cdot (-5) + (19) \\&= (4) \cdot (-125) + (22) \cdot (25) + (14) \cdot (-5) + (19) \\&= (-500) + (550) + (-70) + (19) \\&= -1\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-5)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 5$ . Thus,  $f(-5) = -1$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 14)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -4x^5 - 2x^3 - 7x^2 - x + 6$$

$$q(x) = 7x^5 + x^4 - 6x^3 + 3x^2 - 5$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-4)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-2)x^3 + (-7)x^2 + (-1)x^1 + (6)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (7)x^5 + (1)x^4 + (-6)x^3 + (3)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-5)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (-11)x^5 + (-1)x^4 + (4)x^3 + (-10)x^2 + (-1)x^1 + (11)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = -11x^5 - x^4 + 4x^3 - 10x^2 - x + 11$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -7x^2 - 5x + 3$$

$$b(x) = 3x - 5$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-7x^2$	$-5x$	3
$3x$	$-21x^3$	$-15x^2$	$9x$
$-5$	$35x^2$	$25x$	$-15$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -21x^3 - 15x^2 + 35x^2 + 9x + 25x - 15$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -21x^3 + 20x^2 + 34x - 15$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 14)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -x^3 + 9x^2 + 4x - 29 \\g(x) &= x - 9\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 9}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & -1 & 9 & 4 & -29 \\ 9 & & -9 & 0 & 36 \\ \hline & -1 & 0 & 4 & 7 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -x^2 + 4 + \frac{7}{x - 9}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -x^2 + 4$  and the remainder is  $R = 7$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -x^3 + 9x^2 + 4x - 29$ . Evaluate  $f(9)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(9) &= (-1) \cdot (9)^3 + (9) \cdot (9)^2 + (4) \cdot (9) + (-29) \\&= (-1) \cdot (729) + (9) \cdot (81) + (4) \cdot (9) + (-29) \\&= (-729) + (729) + (36) + (-29) \\&= 7\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(9)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 9$ . Thus,  $f(9) = 7$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 15)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -10x^5 + x^3 - 6x^2 + 8x + 5$$

$$q(x) = x^5 + 5x^4 - 9x^3 - 2x - 10$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-10)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (-6)x^2 + (8)x^1 + (5)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (1)x^5 + (5)x^4 + (-9)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (-2)x^1 + (-10)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (-11)x^5 + (-5)x^4 + (10)x^3 + (-6)x^2 + (10)x^1 + (15)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = -11x^5 - 5x^4 + 10x^3 - 6x^2 + 10x + 15$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -5x^2 - 3x + 8$$

$$b(x) = -4x - 7$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-5x^2$	$-3x$	8
$-4x$	$20x^3$	$12x^2$	$-32x$
-7	$35x^2$	$21x$	-56

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 20x^3 + 12x^2 + 35x^2 - 32x + 21x - 56$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 20x^3 + 47x^2 - 11x - 56$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 15)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -5x^3 - 29x^2 + 8x + 9 \\g(x) &= x + 6\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+6}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & -5 & -29 & 8 & 9 \\ -6 & & 30 & -6 & -12 \\ \hline & -5 & 1 & 2 & -3 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -5x^2 + x + 2 + \frac{-3}{x+6}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -5x^2 + x + 2$  and the remainder is  $R = -3$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -5x^3 - 29x^2 + 8x + 9$ . Evaluate  $f(-6)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-6) &= (-5) \cdot (-6)^3 + (-29) \cdot (-6)^2 + (8) \cdot (-6) + (9) \\&= (-5) \cdot (-216) + (-29) \cdot (36) + (8) \cdot (-6) + (9) \\&= (1080) + (-1044) + (-48) + (9) \\&= -3\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-6)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 6$ . Thus,  $f(-6) = -3$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 16)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 8x^5 - 6x^3 + 10x^2 + 3x - 9$$

$$q(x) = -8x^5 + 6x^4 + x^3 + 3x - 5$$

Express the sum of  $p(x) + q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) + q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (8)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-6)x^3 + (10)x^2 + (3)x^1 + (-9)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-8)x^5 + (6)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (3)x^1 + (-5)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (0)x^5 + (6)x^4 + (-5)x^3 + (10)x^2 + (6)x^1 + (-14)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = 6x^4 - 5x^3 + 10x^2 + 6x - 14$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 7x^2 - 5x - 4$$

$$b(x) = -8x + 2$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$7x^2$	$-5x$	$-4$
$-8x$	$-56x^3$	$40x^2$	$32x$
2	$14x^2$	$-10x$	$-8$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -56x^3 + 40x^2 + 14x^2 + 32x - 10x - 8$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -56x^3 + 54x^2 + 22x - 8$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 16)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^3 - 11x^2 + 24x + 9 \\g(x) &= x - 8\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 8}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 8 & 1 & -11 & 24 & 9 \\ & & 8 & -24 & 0 \\ \hline & 1 & -3 & 0 & 9 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = x^2 - 3x + \frac{9}{x - 8}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = x^2 - 3x$  and the remainder is  $R = 9$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = x^3 - 11x^2 + 24x + 9$ . Evaluate  $f(8)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(8) &= (1) \cdot (8)^3 + (-11) \cdot (8)^2 + (24) \cdot (8) + (9) \\&= (1) \cdot (512) + (-11) \cdot (64) + (24) \cdot (8) + (9) \\&= (512) + (-704) + (192) + (9) \\&= 9\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(8)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 8$ . Thus,  $f(8) = 9$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 17)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 7x^5 - 10x^4 + 9x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$q(x) = -4x^5 - 6x^3 + 3x^2 - 10x + 1$$

Express the difference  $q(x) - p(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $q(x) - p(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (7)x^5 + (-10)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (9)x^2 + (2)x^1 + (1)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-4)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-6)x^3 + (3)x^2 + (-10)x^1 + (1)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = (-11)x^5 + (10)x^4 + (-6)x^3 + (-6)x^2 + (-12)x^1 + (0)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = -11x^5 + 10x^4 - 6x^3 - 6x^2 - 12x$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 2x^2 - 8x - 6$$

$$b(x) = -7x + 3$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$2x^2$	$-8x$	$-6$
$-7x$	$-14x^3$	$56x^2$	$42x$
3	$6x^2$	$-24x$	$-18$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -14x^3 + 56x^2 + 6x^2 + 42x - 24x - 18$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -14x^3 + 62x^2 + 18x - 18$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 17)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 2x^3 - 18x^2 + x - 6 \\g(x) &= x - 9\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 9}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 2 & -18 & 1 & -6 \\ 9 & & 18 & 0 & 9 \\ \hline & 2 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 2x^2 + 1 + \frac{3}{x - 9}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 2x^2 + 1$  and the remainder is  $R = 3$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 18x^2 + x - 6$ . Evaluate  $f(9)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(9) &= (2) \cdot (9)^3 + (-18) \cdot (9)^2 + (1) \cdot (9) + (-6) \\&= (2) \cdot (729) + (-18) \cdot (81) + (1) \cdot (9) + (-6) \\&= (1458) + (-1458) + (9) + (-6) \\&= 3\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(9)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 9$ . Thus,  $f(9) = 3$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 18)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -2x^5 + 6x^4 - 4x^2 + 3x + 7$$

$$q(x) = -x^5 - 5x^3 - 8x^2 + 7x + 3$$

Express the difference  $q(x) - p(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $q(x) - p(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-2)x^5 + (6)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (-4)x^2 + (3)x^1 + (7)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-1)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-5)x^3 + (-8)x^2 + (7)x^1 + (3)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = (1)x^5 + (-6)x^4 + (-5)x^3 + (-4)x^2 + (4)x^1 + (-4)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = x^5 - 6x^4 - 5x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x - 4$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -2x^2 - 5x - 8$$

$$b(x) = 8x - 5$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-2x^2$	$-5x$	$-8$
$8x$	$-16x^3$	$-40x^2$	$-64x$
$-5$	$10x^2$	$25x$	$40$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -16x^3 - 40x^2 + 10x^2 - 64x + 25x + 40$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -16x^3 - 30x^2 - 39x + 40$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 18)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -6x^3 + 27x^2 + 18x - 13 \\g(x) &= x - 5\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 5}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & -6 & 27 & 18 & -13 \\ 5 & & -30 & -15 & 15 \\ \hline & -6 & -3 & 3 & 2 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -6x^2 - 3x + 3 + \frac{2}{x - 5}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -6x^2 - 3x + 3$  and the remainder is  $R = 2$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -6x^3 + 27x^2 + 18x - 13$ . Evaluate  $f(5)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(5) &= (-6) \cdot (5)^3 + (27) \cdot (5)^2 + (18) \cdot (5) + (-13) \\&= (-6) \cdot (125) + (27) \cdot (25) + (18) \cdot (5) + (-13) \\&= (-750) + (675) + (90) + (-13) \\&= 2\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(5)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 5$ . Thus,  $f(5) = 2$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 19)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -6x^5 - 5x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 9$$

$$q(x) = -4x^5 - 10x^4 - 7x^2 - 5x + 9$$

Express the difference  $q(x) - p(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $q(x) - p(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-6)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-5)x^3 + (-2)x^2 + (-1)x^1 + (9)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-4)x^5 + (-10)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (-7)x^2 + (-5)x^1 + (9)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = (2)x^5 + (-10)x^4 + (5)x^3 + (-5)x^2 + (-4)x^1 + (0)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = 2x^5 - 10x^4 + 5x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -6x^2 - 5x + 8$$

$$b(x) = 3x + 7$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-6x^2$	$-5x$	8
$3x$	$-18x^3$	$-15x^2$	$24x$
7	$-42x^2$	$-35x$	56

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -18x^3 - 15x^2 - 42x^2 + 24x - 35x + 56$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -18x^3 - 57x^2 - 11x + 56$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 19)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^3 - 10x^2 + 26x - 4 \\g(x) &= x - 6\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 6}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & -10 & 26 & -4 \\ 6 & & 6 & -24 & 12 \\ \hline & 1 & -4 & 2 & 8 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = x^2 - 4x + 2 + \frac{8}{x - 6}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = x^2 - 4x + 2$  and the remainder is  $R = 8$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = x^3 - 10x^2 + 26x - 4$ . Evaluate  $f(6)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(6) &= (1) \cdot (6)^3 + (-10) \cdot (6)^2 + (26) \cdot (6) + (-4) \\&= (1) \cdot (216) + (-10) \cdot (36) + (26) \cdot (6) + (-4) \\&= (216) + (-360) + (156) + (-4) \\&= 8\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(6)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 6$ . Thus,  $f(6) = 8$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 20)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -8x^5 - 2x^4 - 9x^2 - 5x - 6$$

$$q(x) = -8x^5 - 2x^4 + 7x^3 + x + 5$$

Express the sum of  $p(x) + q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) + q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-8)x^5 + (-2)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (-9)x^2 + (-5)x^1 + (-6)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-8)x^5 + (-2)x^4 + (7)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (1)x^1 + (5)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (-16)x^5 + (-4)x^4 + (7)x^3 + (-9)x^2 + (-4)x^1 + (-1)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = -16x^5 - 4x^4 + 7x^3 - 9x^2 - 4x - 1$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -2x^2 + 6x + 3$$

$$b(x) = -6x + 3$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-2x^2$	$6x$	$3$
$-6x$	$12x^3$	$-36x^2$	$-18x$
$3$	$-6x^2$	$18x$	$9$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 12x^3 - 36x^2 - 6x^2 - 18x + 18x + 9$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 12x^3 - 42x^2 + 9$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 20)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -2x^3 + 10x^2 + 9x + 14 \\g(x) &= x - 6\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 6}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & -2 & 10 & 9 & 14 \\ 6 & & -12 & -12 & -18 \\ \hline & -2 & -2 & -3 & -4 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -2x^2 - 2x - 3 + \frac{-4}{x - 6}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -2x^2 - 2x - 3$  and the remainder is  $R = -4$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -2x^3 + 10x^2 + 9x + 14$ . Evaluate  $f(6)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(6) &= (-2) \cdot (6)^3 + (10) \cdot (6)^2 + (9) \cdot (6) + (14) \\&= (-2) \cdot (216) + (10) \cdot (36) + (9) \cdot (6) + (14) \\&= (-432) + (360) + (54) + (14) \\&= -4\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(6)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 6$ . Thus,  $f(6) = -4$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 21)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -3x^5 + 9x^4 + 2x^3 + 5x + 10$$

$$q(x) = 6x^5 + 3x^3 + 4x^2 - 5x - 9$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-3)x^5 + (9)x^4 + (2)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (5)x^1 + (10)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (6)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (3)x^3 + (4)x^2 + (-5)x^1 + (-9)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (-9)x^5 + (9)x^4 + (-1)x^3 + (-4)x^2 + (10)x^1 + (19)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = -9x^5 + 9x^4 - x^3 - 4x^2 + 10x + 19$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 9x^2 + 8x + 3$$

$$b(x) = -4x + 3$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$9x^2$	$8x$	3
$-4x$	$-36x^3$	$-32x^2$	$-12x$
3	$27x^2$	$24x$	9

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -36x^3 - 32x^2 + 27x^2 - 12x + 24x + 9$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -36x^3 - 5x^2 + 12x + 9$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 21)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 2x^3 - 18x^2 + 16x - 10 \\g(x) &= x - 8\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 8}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} 8 & 2 & -18 & 16 & -10 \\ & & 16 & -16 & 0 \\ \hline & 2 & -2 & 0 & -10 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 2x^2 - 2x + \frac{-10}{x - 8}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 2x^2 - 2x$  and the remainder is  $R = -10$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 18x^2 + 16x - 10$ . Evaluate  $f(8)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(8) &= (2) \cdot (8)^3 + (-18) \cdot (8)^2 + (16) \cdot (8) + (-10) \\&= (2) \cdot (512) + (-18) \cdot (64) + (16) \cdot (8) + (-10) \\&= (1024) + (-1152) + (128) + (-10) \\&= -10\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(8)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 8$ . Thus,  $f(8) = -10$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 22)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 8x^5 + x^4 + 3x^2 - 7x + 4$$

$$q(x) = x^5 - 2x^3 + 10x^2 + 9x - 5$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (8)x^5 + (1)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (3)x^2 + (-7)x^1 + (4)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (1)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-2)x^3 + (10)x^2 + (9)x^1 + (-5)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (7)x^5 + (1)x^4 + (2)x^3 + (-7)x^2 + (-16)x^1 + (9)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = 7x^5 + x^4 + 2x^3 - 7x^2 - 16x + 9$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -6x^2 + 3x - 9$$

$$b(x) = -5x + 4$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-6x^2$	$3x$	$-9$
$-5x$	$30x^3$	$-15x^2$	$45x$
4	$-24x^2$	$12x$	$-36$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 30x^3 - 15x^2 - 24x^2 + 45x + 12x - 36$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 30x^3 - 39x^2 + 57x - 36$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 22)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -4x^3 + 27x^2 - 17x + 3 \\g(x) &= x - 6\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 6}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & -4 & 27 & -17 & 3 \\ 6 & & -24 & 18 & 6 \\ \hline & -4 & 3 & 1 & 9 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -4x^2 + 3x + 1 + \frac{9}{x - 6}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -4x^2 + 3x + 1$  and the remainder is  $R = 9$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -4x^3 + 27x^2 - 17x + 3$ . Evaluate  $f(6)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(6) &= (-4) \cdot (6)^3 + (27) \cdot (6)^2 + (-17) \cdot (6) + (3) \\&= (-4) \cdot (216) + (27) \cdot (36) + (-17) \cdot (6) + (3) \\&= (-864) + (972) + (-102) + (3) \\&= 9\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(6)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 6$ . Thus,  $f(6) = 9$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 23)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 8x^5 - 3x^3 - 7x^2 - 5x + 2$$

$$q(x) = 4x^5 + 3x^4 + 6x^3 + 7x - 5$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (8)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-3)x^3 + (-7)x^2 + (-5)x^1 + (2)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (4)x^5 + (3)x^4 + (6)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (7)x^1 + (-5)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (4)x^5 + (-3)x^4 + (-9)x^3 + (-7)x^2 + (-12)x^1 + (7)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = 4x^5 - 3x^4 - 9x^3 - 7x^2 - 12x + 7$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -4x^2 + 8x + 7$$

$$b(x) = -6x + 2$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-4x^2$	$8x$	$7$
$-6x$	$24x^3$	$-48x^2$	$-42x$
2	$-8x^2$	$16x$	14

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 24x^3 - 48x^2 - 8x^2 - 42x + 16x + 14$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 24x^3 - 56x^2 - 26x + 14$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 23)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 3x^3 + 21x^2 + 14x - 26 \\g(x) &= x + 6\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+6}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 3 & 21 & 14 & -26 \\ -6 & & -18 & -18 & 24 \\ \hline & 3 & 3 & -4 & -2 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 3x^2 + 3x - 4 + \frac{-2}{x+6}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 3x^2 + 3x - 4$  and the remainder is  $R = -2$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 21x^2 + 14x - 26$ . Evaluate  $f(-6)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-6) &= (3) \cdot (-6)^3 + (21) \cdot (-6)^2 + (14) \cdot (-6) + (-26) \\&= (3) \cdot (-216) + (21) \cdot (36) + (14) \cdot (-6) + (-26) \\&= (-648) + (756) + (-84) + (-26) \\&= -2\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-6)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 6$ . Thus,  $f(-6) = -2$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 24)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 8x^5 + 7x^4 + 2x^3 + 5x - 10$$

$$q(x) = -8x^5 - 7x^4 + 10x^3 - x^2 - 6$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (8)x^5 + (7)x^4 + (2)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (5)x^1 + (-10)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-8)x^5 + (-7)x^4 + (10)x^3 + (-1)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-6)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (16)x^5 + (14)x^4 + (-8)x^3 + (1)x^2 + (5)x^1 + (-4)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = 16x^5 + 14x^4 - 8x^3 + x^2 + 5x - 4$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -2x^2 + 5x - 4$$

$$b(x) = 6x + 5$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-2x^2$	$5x$	$-4$
$6x$	$-12x^3$	$30x^2$	$-24x$
$5$	$-10x^2$	$25x$	$-20$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -12x^3 + 30x^2 - 10x^2 - 24x + 25x - 20$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -12x^3 + 20x^2 + x - 20$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 24)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^3 + 12x^2 + 28x + 11 \\g(x) &= x + 9\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+9}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & 12 & 28 & 11 \\ -9 & & -9 & -27 & -9 \\ \hline & 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = x^2 + 3x + 1 + \frac{2}{x+9}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = x^2 + 3x + 1$  and the remainder is  $R = 2$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = x^3 + 12x^2 + 28x + 11$ . Evaluate  $f(-9)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-9) &= (1) \cdot (-9)^3 + (12) \cdot (-9)^2 + (28) \cdot (-9) + (11) \\&= (1) \cdot (-729) + (12) \cdot (81) + (28) \cdot (-9) + (11) \\&= (-729) + (972) + (-252) + (11) \\&= 2\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-9)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 9$ . Thus,  $f(-9) = 2$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 25)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 8x^5 + 9x^4 + x^3 + 2x - 3$$

$$q(x) = 9x^5 - 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x + 1$$

Express the sum of  $p(x) + q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) + q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (8)x^5 + (9)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (2)x^1 + (-3)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (9)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-2)x^3 + (-3)x^2 + (5)x^1 + (1)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (17)x^5 + (9)x^4 + (-1)x^3 + (-3)x^2 + (7)x^1 + (-2)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = 17x^5 + 9x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 2$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -2x^2 - 6x + 8$$

$$b(x) = -6x - 5$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-2x^2$	$-6x$	8
$-6x$	$12x^3$	$36x^2$	$-48x$
-5	$10x^2$	$30x$	-40

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 12x^3 + 36x^2 + 10x^2 - 48x + 30x - 40$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 12x^3 + 46x^2 - 18x - 40$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 25)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 2x^3 + 16x^2 + 13x - 4 \\g(x) &= x + 7\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+7}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & 2 & 16 & 13 & -4 \\ -7 & & -14 & -14 & 7 \\ \hline & 2 & 2 & -1 & 3 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 2x^2 + 2x - 1 + \frac{3}{x+7}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 2x^2 + 2x - 1$  and the remainder is  $R = 3$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 16x^2 + 13x - 4$ . Evaluate  $f(-7)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-7) &= (2) \cdot (-7)^3 + (16) \cdot (-7)^2 + (13) \cdot (-7) + (-4) \\&= (2) \cdot (-343) + (16) \cdot (49) + (13) \cdot (-7) + (-4) \\&= (-686) + (784) + (-91) + (-4) \\&= 3\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-7)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 7$ . Thus,  $f(-7) = 3$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 26)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 8x^5 + 3x^4 + x^3 + 7x^2 - 4$$

$$q(x) = -3x^5 + 10x^4 - 8x^3 + 5x - 4$$

Express the difference  $q(x) - p(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $q(x) - p(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (8)x^5 + (3)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (7)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-4)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-3)x^5 + (10)x^4 + (-8)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (5)x^1 + (-4)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = (-11)x^5 + (7)x^4 + (-9)x^3 + (-7)x^2 + (5)x^1 + (0)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = -11x^5 + 7x^4 - 9x^3 - 7x^2 + 5x$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 6x^2 + 2x - 9$$

$$b(x) = -5x - 3$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$6x^2$	$2x$	$-9$
$-5x$	$-30x^3$	$-10x^2$	$45x$
$-3$	$-18x^2$	$-6x$	$27$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -30x^3 - 10x^2 - 18x^2 + 45x - 6x + 27$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -30x^3 - 28x^2 + 39x + 27$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal's triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 26)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -6x^3 - 29x^2 + 7x + 18 \\g(x) &= x + 5\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+5}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & -6 & -29 & 7 & 18 \\ -5 & & 30 & -5 & -10 \\ \hline & -6 & 1 & 2 & 8 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -6x^2 + x + 2 + \frac{8}{x+5}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -6x^2 + x + 2$  and the remainder is  $R = 8$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -6x^3 - 29x^2 + 7x + 18$ . Evaluate  $f(-5)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-5) &= (-6) \cdot (-5)^3 + (-29) \cdot (-5)^2 + (7) \cdot (-5) + (18) \\&= (-6) \cdot (-125) + (-29) \cdot (25) + (7) \cdot (-5) + (18) \\&= (750) + (-725) + (-35) + (18) \\&= 8\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-5)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 5$ . Thus,  $f(-5) = 8$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 27)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -6x^5 - 8x^3 - 3x^2 - x - 10$$

$$q(x) = -8x^5 - x^4 + 9x^2 - 6x - 10$$

Express the sum of  $p(x) + q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) + q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-6)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-8)x^3 + (-3)x^2 + (-1)x^1 + (-10)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-8)x^5 + (-1)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (9)x^2 + (-6)x^1 + (-10)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (-14)x^5 + (-1)x^4 + (-8)x^3 + (6)x^2 + (-7)x^1 + (-20)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = -14x^5 - x^4 - 8x^3 + 6x^2 - 7x - 20$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -6x^2 - 3x - 5$$

$$b(x) = -9x + 5$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-6x^2$	$-3x$	$-5$
$-9x$	$54x^3$	$27x^2$	$45x$
5	$-30x^2$	$-15x$	$-25$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 54x^3 + 27x^2 - 30x^2 + 45x - 15x - 25$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 54x^3 - 3x^2 + 30x - 25$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 27)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 7x^3 + 29x^2 - 29x + 13 \\g(x) &= x + 5\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+5}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 7 & 29 & -29 & 13 \\ -5 & & -35 & 30 & -5 \\ \hline & 7 & -6 & 1 & 8 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 7x^2 - 6x + 1 + \frac{8}{x+5}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 7x^2 - 6x + 1$  and the remainder is  $R = 8$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 7x^3 + 29x^2 - 29x + 13$ . Evaluate  $f(-5)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-5) &= (7) \cdot (-5)^3 + (29) \cdot (-5)^2 + (-29) \cdot (-5) + (13) \\&= (7) \cdot (-125) + (29) \cdot (25) + (-29) \cdot (-5) + (13) \\&= (-875) + (725) + (145) + (13) \\&= 8\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-5)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 5$ . Thus,  $f(-5) = 8$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 28)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -9x^5 - 2x^3 + 6x^2 - 5x - 3$$

$$q(x) = 8x^5 + 10x^4 + 9x^3 - 5x^2 - 1$$

Express the difference  $q(x) - p(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $q(x) - p(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-9)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-2)x^3 + (6)x^2 + (-5)x^1 + (-3)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (8)x^5 + (10)x^4 + (9)x^3 + (-5)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-1)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = (17)x^5 + (10)x^4 + (11)x^3 + (-11)x^2 + (5)x^1 + (2)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = 17x^5 + 10x^4 + 11x^3 - 11x^2 + 5x + 2$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 9x^2 + 3x + 8$$

$$b(x) = 4x + 6$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$9x^2$	$3x$	8
$4x$	$36x^3$	$12x^2$	$32x$
6	$54x^2$	$18x$	48

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 36x^3 + 12x^2 + 54x^2 + 32x + 18x + 48$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 36x^3 + 66x^2 + 50x + 48$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 28)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^3 - 8x^2 + x - 13 \\g(x) &= x - 8\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 8}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & -8 & 1 & -13 \\ 8 & & 8 & 0 & 8 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 & 1 & -5 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = x^2 + 1 + \frac{-5}{x - 8}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = x^2 + 1$  and the remainder is  $R = -5$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = x^3 - 8x^2 + x - 13$ . Evaluate  $f(8)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(8) &= (1) \cdot (8)^3 + (-8) \cdot (8)^2 + (1) \cdot (8) + (-13) \\&= (1) \cdot (512) + (-8) \cdot (64) + (1) \cdot (8) + (-13) \\&= (512) + (-512) + (8) + (-13) \\&= -5\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(8)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 8$ . Thus,  $f(8) = -5$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 29)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -10x^5 + 5x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x + 9$$

$$q(x) = -4x^5 - 6x^4 - 8x^3 + 2x^2 - 3$$

Express the sum of  $p(x) + q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) + q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-10)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (5)x^3 + (3)x^2 + (4)x^1 + (9)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-4)x^5 + (-6)x^4 + (-8)x^3 + (2)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-3)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (-14)x^5 + (-6)x^4 + (-3)x^3 + (5)x^2 + (4)x^1 + (6)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = -14x^5 - 6x^4 - 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 4x + 6$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 6x^2 - 5x - 4$$

$$b(x) = -2x - 8$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$6x^2$	$-5x$	$-4$
$-2x$	$-12x^3$	$10x^2$	$8x$
$-8$	$-48x^2$	$40x$	$32$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -12x^3 + 10x^2 - 48x^2 + 8x + 40x + 32$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -12x^3 - 38x^2 + 48x + 32$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 29)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -4x^3 + 25x^2 + 23x - 13 \\g(x) &= x - 7\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 7}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}7 & -4 & 25 & 23 & -13 \\ & & -28 & -21 & 14 \\ \hline & -4 & -3 & 2 & 1\end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -4x^2 - 3x + 2 + \frac{1}{x - 7}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -4x^2 - 3x + 2$  and the remainder is  $R = 1$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -4x^3 + 25x^2 + 23x - 13$ . Evaluate  $f(7)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(7) &= (-4) \cdot (7)^3 + (25) \cdot (7)^2 + (23) \cdot (7) + (-13) \\&= (-4) \cdot (343) + (25) \cdot (49) + (23) \cdot (7) + (-13) \\&= (-1372) + (1225) + (161) + (-13) \\&= 1\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(7)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 7$ . Thus,  $f(7) = 1$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 30)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -2x^5 + 3x^4 + x^2 - 9x + 10$$

$$q(x) = 3x^5 + x^3 - 5x^2 - 8x + 6$$

Express the difference  $q(x) - p(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $q(x) - p(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-2)x^5 + (3)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (1)x^2 + (-9)x^1 + (10)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (3)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (-5)x^2 + (-8)x^1 + (6)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = (5)x^5 + (-3)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (-6)x^2 + (1)x^1 + (-4)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = 5x^5 - 3x^4 + x^3 - 6x^2 + x - 4$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -2x^2 + 5x - 3$$

$$b(x) = -7x - 4$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-2x^2$	$5x$	$-3$
$-7x$	$14x^3$	$-35x^2$	$21x$
$-4$	$8x^2$	$-20x$	$12$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 14x^3 - 35x^2 + 8x^2 + 21x - 20x + 12$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 14x^3 - 27x^2 + x + 12$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 30)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -2x^3 - 16x^2 - 2x - 20 \\g(x) &= x + 8\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+8}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & -2 & -16 & -2 & -20 \\ -8 & & 16 & 0 & 16 \\ \hline & -2 & 0 & -2 & -4 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -2x^2 - 2 + \frac{-4}{x+8}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -2x^2 - 2$  and the remainder is  $R = -4$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -2x^3 - 16x^2 - 2x - 20$ . Evaluate  $f(-8)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-8) &= (-2) \cdot (-8)^3 + (-16) \cdot (-8)^2 + (-2) \cdot (-8) + (-20) \\&= (-2) \cdot (-512) + (-16) \cdot (64) + (-2) \cdot (-8) + (-20) \\&= (1024) + (-1024) + (16) + (-20) \\&= -4\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-8)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 8$ . Thus,  $f(-8) = -4$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 31)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -8x^5 + 3x^3 + 6x^2 + x + 10$$

$$q(x) = 2x^5 + x^4 - 6x^3 - 8x^2 + 9$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-8)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (3)x^3 + (6)x^2 + (1)x^1 + (10)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (2)x^5 + (1)x^4 + (-6)x^3 + (-8)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (9)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (-10)x^5 + (-1)x^4 + (9)x^3 + (14)x^2 + (1)x^1 + (1)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = -10x^5 - x^4 + 9x^3 + 14x^2 + x + 1$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -9x^2 - 7x + 3$$

$$b(x) = 3x - 7$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-9x^2$	$-7x$	3
$3x$	$-27x^3$	$-21x^2$	$9x$
$-7$	$63x^2$	$49x$	$-21$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -27x^3 - 21x^2 + 63x^2 + 9x + 49x - 21$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -27x^3 + 42x^2 + 58x - 21$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 31)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 3x^3 - 12x^2 + x - 5 \\g(x) &= x - 4\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 4}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 3 & -12 & 1 & -5 \\ 4 & & 12 & 0 & 4 \\ \hline & 3 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 3x^2 + 1 + \frac{-1}{x - 4}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 3x^2 + 1$  and the remainder is  $R = -1$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 12x^2 + x - 5$ . Evaluate  $f(4)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(4) &= (3) \cdot (4)^3 + (-12) \cdot (4)^2 + (1) \cdot (4) + (-5) \\&= (3) \cdot (64) + (-12) \cdot (16) + (1) \cdot (4) + (-5) \\&= (192) + (-192) + (4) + (-5) \\&= -1\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(4)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 4$ . Thus,  $f(4) = -1$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 32)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 4x^5 - 9x^4 + x^3 + 3x - 6$$

$$q(x) = -3x^5 + 9x^4 - 6x^2 + 4x - 5$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (4)x^5 + (-9)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (3)x^1 + (-6)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-3)x^5 + (9)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (-6)x^2 + (4)x^1 + (-5)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (7)x^5 + (-18)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (6)x^2 + (-1)x^1 + (-1)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = 7x^5 - 18x^4 + x^3 + 6x^2 - x - 1$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -8x^2 - 3x + 9$$

$$b(x) = -5x + 7$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-8x^2$	$-3x$	9
$-5x$	$40x^3$	$15x^2$	$-45x$
7	$-56x^2$	$-21x$	63

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 40x^3 + 15x^2 - 56x^2 - 45x - 21x + 63$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 40x^3 - 41x^2 - 66x + 63$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 32)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -x^3 - 9x^2 + 3x + 20 \\g(x) &= x + 9\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+9}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & -1 & -9 & 3 & 20 \\ -9 & & 9 & 0 & -27 \\ \hline & -1 & 0 & 3 & -7 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -x^2 + 3 + \frac{-7}{x+9}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -x^2 + 3$  and the remainder is  $R = -7$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -x^3 - 9x^2 + 3x + 20$ . Evaluate  $f(-9)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-9) &= (-1) \cdot (-9)^3 + (-9) \cdot (-9)^2 + (3) \cdot (-9) + (20) \\&= (-1) \cdot (-729) + (-9) \cdot (81) + (3) \cdot (-9) + (20) \\&= (729) + (-729) + (-27) + (20) \\&= -7\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-9)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 9$ . Thus,  $f(-9) = -7$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 33)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -9x^5 + 2x^4 - 4x^2 + x + 5$$

$$q(x) = 6x^5 + 2x^4 + 10x^3 - 4x^2 - 3$$

Express the sum of  $p(x) + q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) + q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-9)x^5 + (2)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (-4)x^2 + (1)x^1 + (5)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (6)x^5 + (2)x^4 + (10)x^3 + (-4)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-3)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (-3)x^5 + (4)x^4 + (10)x^3 + (-8)x^2 + (1)x^1 + (2)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = -3x^5 + 4x^4 + 10x^3 - 8x^2 + x + 2$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -7x^2 - 5x + 2$$

$$b(x) = -8x + 7$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-7x^2$	$-5x$	2
$-8x$	$56x^3$	$40x^2$	$-16x$
7	$-49x^2$	$-35x$	14

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 56x^3 + 40x^2 - 49x^2 - 16x - 35x + 14$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 56x^3 - 9x^2 - 51x + 14$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 33)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 5x^3 + 15x^2 - 19x + 12 \\g(x) &= x + 4\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+4}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 5 & 15 & -19 & 12 \\ -4 & & -20 & 20 & -4 \\ \hline & 5 & -5 & 1 & 8 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 5x^2 - 5x + 1 + \frac{8}{x+4}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 5x^2 - 5x + 1$  and the remainder is  $R = 8$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 5x^3 + 15x^2 - 19x + 12$ . Evaluate  $f(-4)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-4) &= (5) \cdot (-4)^3 + (15) \cdot (-4)^2 + (-19) \cdot (-4) + (12) \\&= (5) \cdot (-64) + (15) \cdot (16) + (-19) \cdot (-4) + (12) \\&= (-320) + (240) + (76) + (12) \\&= 8\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-4)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 4$ . Thus,  $f(-4) = 8$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 34)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -9x^5 + 8x^3 + 6x^2 + 7x + 4$$

$$q(x) = 3x^5 - 10x^4 + x^3 - 9x^2 - 8$$

Express the difference  $q(x) - p(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $q(x) - p(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-9)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (8)x^3 + (6)x^2 + (7)x^1 + (4)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (3)x^5 + (-10)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (-9)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-8)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = (12)x^5 + (-10)x^4 + (-7)x^3 + (-15)x^2 + (-7)x^1 + (-12)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = 12x^5 - 10x^4 - 7x^3 - 15x^2 - 7x - 12$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 2x^2 - 8x - 4$$

$$b(x) = 5x + 6$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$2x^2$	$-8x$	$-4$
$5x$	$10x^3$	$-40x^2$	$-20x$
$6$	$12x^2$	$-48x$	$-24$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 10x^3 - 40x^2 + 12x^2 - 20x - 48x - 24$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 10x^3 - 28x^2 - 68x - 24$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 34)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 2x^3 + 16x^2 + 11x - 26 \\g(x) &= x + 7\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+7}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 2 & 16 & 11 & -26 \\ -7 & & -14 & -14 & 21 \\ \hline & 2 & 2 & -3 & -5 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 2x^2 + 2x - 3 + \frac{-5}{x+7}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 2x^2 + 2x - 3$  and the remainder is  $R = -5$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 16x^2 + 11x - 26$ . Evaluate  $f(-7)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-7) &= (2) \cdot (-7)^3 + (16) \cdot (-7)^2 + (11) \cdot (-7) + (-26) \\&= (2) \cdot (-343) + (16) \cdot (49) + (11) \cdot (-7) + (-26) \\&= (-686) + (784) + (-77) + (-26) \\&= -5\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-7)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 7$ . Thus,  $f(-7) = -5$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 35)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 8x^5 + x^4 - 3x^2 + 9x - 5$$

$$q(x) = 9x^5 - 5x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 - 10$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (8)x^5 + (1)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (-3)x^2 + (9)x^1 + (-5)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (9)x^5 + (-5)x^4 + (-1)x^3 + (-3)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-10)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (-1)x^5 + (6)x^4 + (1)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (9)x^1 + (5)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = -x^5 + 6x^4 + x^3 + 9x + 5$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -6x^2 - 5x + 3$$

$$b(x) = -9x + 6$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-6x^2$	$-5x$	3
$-9x$	$54x^3$	$45x^2$	$-27x$
6	$-36x^2$	$-30x$	18

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 54x^3 + 45x^2 - 36x^2 - 27x - 30x + 18$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 54x^3 + 9x^2 - 57x + 18$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^6$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 6x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 35)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= -3x^3 - 24x^2 + x + 18 \\g(x) &= x + 8\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+8}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & -3 & -24 & 1 & 18 \\ -8 & & 24 & 0 & -8 \\ \hline & -3 & 0 & 1 & 10 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = -3x^2 + 1 + \frac{10}{x+8}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = -3x^2 + 1$  and the remainder is  $R = 10$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = -3x^3 - 24x^2 + x + 18$ . Evaluate  $f(-8)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-8) &= (-3) \cdot (-8)^3 + (-24) \cdot (-8)^2 + (1) \cdot (-8) + (18) \\&= (-3) \cdot (-512) + (-24) \cdot (64) + (1) \cdot (-8) + (18) \\&= (1536) + (-1536) + (-8) + (18) \\&= 10\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-8)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 8$ . Thus,  $f(-8) = 10$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 36)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -3x^5 - 8x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 9$$

$$q(x) = -5x^5 + 8x^4 + 6x^2 + 2x - 3$$

Express the difference  $q(x) - p(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $q(x) - p(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-3)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (-8)x^3 + (-1)x^2 + (-2)x^1 + (9)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-5)x^5 + (8)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (6)x^2 + (2)x^1 + (-3)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = (-2)x^5 + (8)x^4 + (8)x^3 + (7)x^2 + (4)x^1 + (-12)x^0$$

$$q(x) - p(x) = -2x^5 + 8x^4 + 8x^3 + 7x^2 + 4x - 12$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -3x^2 - 6x - 5$$

$$b(x) = 4x + 5$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-3x^2$	$-6x$	$-5$
$4x$	$-12x^3$	$-24x^2$	$-20x$
$5$	$-15x^2$	$-30x$	$-25$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -12x^3 - 24x^2 - 15x^2 - 20x - 30x - 25$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -12x^3 - 39x^2 - 50x - 25$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 36)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 3x^3 - 25x^2 - 18x + 10 \\g(x) &= x - 9\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 9}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 3 & -25 & -18 & 10 \\ 9 & & 27 & 18 & 0 \\ \hline & 3 & 2 & 0 & 10 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 3x^2 + 2x + \frac{10}{x - 9}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 3x^2 + 2x$  and the remainder is  $R = 10$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 25x^2 - 18x + 10$ . Evaluate  $f(9)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(9) &= (3) \cdot (9)^3 + (-25) \cdot (9)^2 + (-18) \cdot (9) + (10) \\&= (3) \cdot (729) + (-25) \cdot (81) + (-18) \cdot (9) + (10) \\&= (2187) + (-2025) + (-162) + (10) \\&= 10\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(9)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 9$ . Thus,  $f(9) = 10$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 37)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = 8x^5 + 2x^4 - 5x^2 + 4x - 1$$

$$q(x) = 3x^5 - x^4 - 4x^3 + 7x + 2$$

Express the sum of  $p(x) + q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) + q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (8)x^5 + (2)x^4 + (0)x^3 + (-5)x^2 + (4)x^1 + (-1)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (3)x^5 + (-1)x^4 + (-4)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (7)x^1 + (2)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (11)x^5 + (1)x^4 + (-4)x^3 + (-5)x^2 + (11)x^1 + (1)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = 11x^5 + x^4 - 4x^3 - 5x^2 + 11x + 1$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 4x^2 + 8x - 7$$

$$b(x) = -2x - 5$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$4x^2$	$8x$	$-7$
$-2x$	$-8x^3$	$-16x^2$	$14x$
$-5$	$-20x^2$	$-40x$	$35$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -8x^3 - 16x^2 - 20x^2 + 14x - 40x + 35$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -8x^3 - 36x^2 - 26x + 35$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 37)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 3x^3 + 25x^2 + 12x + 23 \\g(x) &= x + 8\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+8}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 3 & 25 & 12 & 23 \\ -8 & & -24 & -8 & -32 \\ \hline & 3 & 1 & 4 & -9 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 3x^2 + x + 4 + \frac{-9}{x+8}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 3x^2 + x + 4$  and the remainder is  $R = -9$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 25x^2 + 12x + 23$ . Evaluate  $f(-8)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-8) &= (3) \cdot (-8)^3 + (25) \cdot (-8)^2 + (12) \cdot (-8) + (23) \\&= (3) \cdot (-512) + (25) \cdot (64) + (12) \cdot (-8) + (23) \\&= (-1536) + (1600) + (-96) + (23) \\&= -9\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-8)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 8$ . Thus,  $f(-8) = -9$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 38)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -5x^5 + 2x^3 - 4x^2 + 8x + 7$$

$$q(x) = -8x^5 - 9x^4 - 6x^3 + 5x^2 - 10$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-5)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (2)x^3 + (-4)x^2 + (8)x^1 + (7)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-8)x^5 + (-9)x^4 + (-6)x^3 + (5)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-10)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (3)x^5 + (9)x^4 + (8)x^3 + (-9)x^2 + (8)x^1 + (17)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = 3x^5 + 9x^4 + 8x^3 - 9x^2 + 8x + 17$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = 8x^2 + 6x - 9$$

$$b(x) = -6x - 4$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$8x^2$	$6x$	$-9$
$-6x$	$-48x^3$	$-36x^2$	$54x$
$-4$	$-32x^2$	$-24x$	$36$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -48x^3 - 36x^2 - 32x^2 + 54x - 24x + 36$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = -48x^3 - 68x^2 + 30x + 36$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal's triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

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4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 4x^3 - 25x^2 - 25x + 22 \\g(x) &= x - 7\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 7}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}7 & 4 & -25 & -25 & 22 \\ & & 28 & 21 & -28 \\ \hline & 4 & 3 & -4 & -6\end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 4x^2 + 3x - 4 + \frac{-6}{x - 7}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 4x^2 + 3x - 4$  and the remainder is  $R = -6$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 4x^3 - 25x^2 - 25x + 22$ . Evaluate  $f(7)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(7) &= (4) \cdot (7)^3 + (-25) \cdot (7)^2 + (-25) \cdot (7) + (22) \\&= (4) \cdot (343) + (-25) \cdot (49) + (-25) \cdot (7) + (22) \\&= (1372) + (-1225) + (-175) + (22) \\&= -6\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(7)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 7$ . Thus,  $f(7) = -6$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 39)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -8x^5 + 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 6x + 4$$

$$q(x) = -8x^5 - 10x^4 - 7x^3 + x - 5$$

Express the difference  $p(x) - q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) - q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-8)x^5 + (0)x^4 + (2)x^3 + (5)x^2 + (-6)x^1 + (4)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (-8)x^5 + (-10)x^4 + (-7)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (1)x^1 + (-5)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = (0)x^5 + (10)x^4 + (9)x^3 + (5)x^2 + (-7)x^1 + (9)x^0$$

$$p(x) - q(x) = 10x^4 + 9x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x + 9$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -8x^2 - 3x + 7$$

$$b(x) = -2x + 3$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-8x^2$	$-3x$	7
$-2x$	$16x^3$	$6x^2$	$-14x$
3	$-24x^2$	$-9x$	21

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 16x^3 + 6x^2 - 24x^2 - 14x - 9x + 21$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 16x^3 - 18x^2 - 23x + 21$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^4$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 1$$

## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 39)

4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= 7x^3 - 29x^2 - 29x - 13 \\g(x) &= x - 5\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x - 5}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr}5 & 7 & -29 & -29 & -13 \\ & & 35 & 30 & 5 \\ \hline & 7 & 6 & 1 & -8\end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 7x^2 + 6x + 1 + \frac{-8}{x - 5}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = 7x^2 + 6x + 1$  and the remainder is  $R = -8$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = 7x^3 - 29x^2 - 29x - 13$ . Evaluate  $f(5)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(5) &= (7) \cdot (5)^3 + (-29) \cdot (5)^2 + (-29) \cdot (5) + (-13) \\&= (7) \cdot (125) + (-29) \cdot (25) + (-29) \cdot (5) + (-13) \\&= (875) + (-725) + (-145) + (-13) \\&= -8\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(5)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - 5$ . Thus,  $f(5) = -8$ .

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## Polynomial Operations SOLUTIONS (version 40)

1. Let polynomials  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  be defined below.

$$p(x) = -2x^5 + 10x^4 + 8x^3 - 5x^2 - 7$$

$$q(x) = 8x^5 + 7x^4 + 5x^3 - 10x - 2$$

Express the sum of  $p(x) + q(x)$  in standard form.

Get “unimplified” forms. Then find  $p(x) + q(x)$  with addition/subtraction.

$$p(x) = (-2)x^5 + (10)x^4 + (8)x^3 + (-5)x^2 + (0)x^1 + (-7)x^0$$

$$q(x) = (8)x^5 + (7)x^4 + (5)x^3 + (0)x^2 + (-10)x^1 + (-2)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = (6)x^5 + (17)x^4 + (13)x^3 + (-5)x^2 + (-10)x^1 + (-9)x^0$$

$$p(x) + q(x) = 6x^5 + 17x^4 + 13x^3 - 5x^2 - 10x - 9$$

2. Let polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be defined below.

$$a(x) = -7x^2 + 6x - 8$$

$$b(x) = -8x - 4$$

Express the product  $a(x) \cdot b(x)$  in standard form.

You can use a table for multiplication.

*	$-7x^2$	$6x$	$-8$
$-8x$	$56x^3$	$-48x^2$	$64x$
$-4$	$28x^2$	$-24x$	$32$

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 56x^3 - 48x^2 + 28x^2 + 64x - 24x + 32$$

Combine like terms.

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = 56x^3 - 20x^2 + 40x + 32$$

3. Express  $(x + 1)^5$  in standard (expanded) form.

Remember [the binomial theorem](#). It tells us to use Pascal’s triangle.

$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

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4. Let polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be defined below.

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^3 + 12x^2 + 26x - 1 \\g(x) &= x + 9\end{aligned}$$

The quotient of  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  can be expressed as a polynomial,  $h(x)$ , and a remainder,  $R$  (a real number).

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = h(x) + \frac{R}{x+9}$$

By using synthetic division or long division, express  $h(x)$  in standard form, and find the remainder  $R$ .

I prefer using synthetic division.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & 1 & 12 & 26 & -1 \\ -9 & & -9 & -27 & 9 \\ \hline & 1 & 3 & -1 & 8 \end{array}$$

So,

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = x^2 + 3x - 1 + \frac{8}{x+9}$$

In other words,  $h(x) = x^2 + 3x - 1$  and the remainder is  $R = 8$ .

5. Let polynomial  $f(x)$  still be defined as  $f(x) = x^3 + 12x^2 + 26x - 1$ . Evaluate  $f(-9)$ .

You could do this the hard way.

$$\begin{aligned}f(-9) &= (1) \cdot (-9)^3 + (12) \cdot (-9)^2 + (26) \cdot (-9) + (-1) \\&= (1) \cdot (-729) + (12) \cdot (81) + (26) \cdot (-9) + (-1) \\&= (-729) + (972) + (-234) + (-1) \\&= 8\end{aligned}$$

Or, if you reference the [polynomial remainder theorem](#), you can state that you know  $f(-9)$  equals the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + 9$ . Thus,  $f(-9) = 8$ .